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ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975.Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 31, 2002, please amend the present application as follows:

Please replace the title of the invention with the following title:

— A COMPONENT MOUNTING APPARATUS —.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 29, 31 and 33 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend claim 18 as follows:

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Sir:

In response to a telephone conference with Examiner Paul Kim on July 15, 2003 attached hereto is a copy of the Amendment which was filed with the U.S. Patent Office on March 31, 2003 in response to the Office Action mailed December 31, 2003. Also, attached is a copy of the date-stamped postcard receipt indicating receipt of the above-mentioned documents on March 31, 2003.

Accordingly, the attached postcard receipt establishes that a timely response was filed in the above-identified application on March 31, 2003.

The Examiner indicated that the IDS (filed concurrently with the attached) was received.

Respectfully submitted,

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Receipt of the following papers is acknowledged:

(2) PTO Fee Transmittal Forms

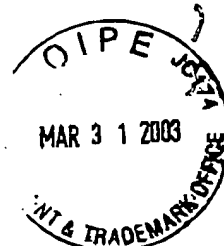
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Form PTO-1449 w/(3) references attached

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